

Summary of Public Information Meeting Realigning IL 1 with a Bridge over the CSX Railroad North of Milford

Route: FAP 332 (IL 1) **Project Length:** 0.5 miles **Contract No.:** 66D31
Section: (2SB-FAGH)BR **County:** Iroquois **Job No.:** P-93-014-14

A public information meeting was held on May 18, 2017 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Milford Village Hall. The purpose of the meeting was to present the proposed plan for realigning IL 1, present project impacts, provide land acquisition assistance information, answer project questions and receive public comments. The meeting was announced by notices in newspapers, through a press release to local media, through the IDOT website, and by letters to local officials, public service providers, legislators, and property owners adjacent to the proposed improvement.

The meeting's display materials consisted of exhibits explaining the project purpose and need, anticipated impacts, aerial photography showing the proposed reconstruction and right of way limits, existing and proposed typical roadway sections, a location map, key environmental impacts, a schematic of the anticipated maintenance of traffic, drive through video of the proposed alignment, and existing vs. proposed pictures. Following the meeting, copies of the exhibits were available for review at the Iroquois County offices in Watseka, the District 3 office in Ottawa, and on the IDOT website at <http://www.idot.illinois.gov/projects/il-1-csx-railroad-milford> under the Resources tab.

Forty-five individuals registered at the meeting. Attendees included city, county, and township officials; state representative and congressional staff members; and a newspaper reporter. IDOT staff was present to provide information and answer questions.

The comment period ended on June 1, 2017. IDOT received comment forms from five individuals. The following table is a synopsis of the comments and IDOT's responses.

<u>Comment</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Various IDOT Responses</u>
Various drainage concerns	4	<p>-The project will construct ditches and other highway drainage improvements based on the project's drainage study and hydraulic analyses.</p> <p>-The property owner may contact IDOT if they observe a suspected highway drainage related issue, and IDOT will investigate the matter and take appropriate action in accordance with drainage law.</p> <p>-This project is not an area wide drainage improvement project.</p> <p>-Area development plans need to consider potential impacts to drainage and coordinate with highway authorities for permission if proposed developments will change drainage flows to ditches or storm sewers.</p>
Land acquisition questions	2	Copies of the Summary of Land Acquisition Process were provided.
Make sure bridge is wider for an industry siding.	1	IDOT is coordinating the proposed length of the bridge with the railroad. After the public information meeting the CSX Railroad notified the department of potential railroad expansion plans for design consideration. Business expansion plans should address traffic and drainage impacts and acquire required permits in advance of construction.
Dust problem during project	1	IDOT Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction requires dust control on construction projects.
Where will fill material come from?	1	The construction contractor will be responsible for locating an appropriate material source for IDOT's approval.
Was the change in roadway elevation factored in when deciding that a noise study was not required?	1	The proposed highway elevation and alignment were considered when determining that a traffic noise study was not required.
Request to retain an entrance	1	The requested entrance will be replaced.